

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLY OF LPG IN KATI HAR AND JAHANABAD

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the monthly requirement and supply of LPG in Bihar and particularly Katihar and Jahanabad districts of Bihar at present;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of LPG in both these districts;
- (c) whether rural areas of the districts are being ignored in the matter of supply of LPG;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide more gas agencies in the districts ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) The monthly requirement of LPG(domestic) of the enrolled customers of the public sector oil marketing companies in the State of Bihar is about 18,000 MT per month. Similarly, the monthly requirement of the Katihar and Jahanabad districts of Bihar is about 261 MT and 72 MT respectively.

(b) The demand of enrolled customers in both the districts has been met by and large in full.

(c) to (e): To supplement the supplies of LPG in rural areas, Oil Marketing Companies have been advised to permit LPG distributors to open their extension counters up to 30 KMs in plains and 75 KMs in hills. Apart from the locations pending from earlier Marketing Plans, 105 locations have been included in LPG Marketing Plan 1996-98 for the State of Bihar, which include districts Katihar and Jahanabad and also the newly created Jharkhand State. Some more distributorships will be set up on the basis of surveys.